

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5-6, 10, 12, 16-17, 21-38 and 58-59 are cancelled. Claims 2-4, 7-9, 11, 13-15, 18-20, 39-57 and 60-65 remain in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 23-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shear (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0042043). Claims 23-38 are cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

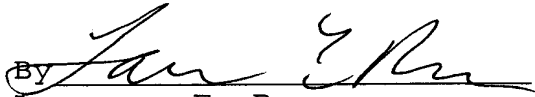
Applicants express appreciation for the allowance of claims 2-4, 7-9, 11, 13-15, 18-20, 39-57 and 60-65.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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